

MISSISSIPPI COPYRIGHT ENTRIES, 1850-1870

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The United States was the first country to embody copyright protection in its constitution. Article I, Section 8, Number 8, of the Constitution provides that Congress shall have power to "promote the progress of science and the useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries." This constitutional provision was given statutory expression in an act which was approved on May 21, 1790, to take immediate effect. Prior to this, in fact by 1786, all the original states, with the exception of Delaware, had passed copyright laws. Responsible for this activity, more or less, was Noah Webster, who traveled from state to state, petitioning and arguing in behalf of others. While thus in some respect Noah Webster is the father of the copyright law, the versatile Thomas Paine was probably the first to discuss copyright legislation in 1783, in what later became the United States.

Like all laws this one was subject to various changes, dealing particularly with its application and procedure. Various modes were adapted to regulate the registration of items falling within the scope of the law. Records of entries were kept at the various district courts which in turn deposited copies of the entries with the states, specifically with the secretary of state, to whom reverted all depository copies required by law. In 1846 a change was made requiring copies to be deposited with the librarian of the Smithsonian Institution, and the Library of Congress. The keeping of duplicate records was also changed several times. In 1859 they were transferred to the Department of the Interior, of which the Patent Office was a unit. This was at that time considered the appropriate depository. There they were kept until 1870. In 1865 the Smithsonian Institution was dropped as a depository library. By an act of July 8, 1870, all acts and duties required by the law relating to copyrights were transferred to the Librarian of Congress.

In the meantime, the original thirteen district courts which handled copyright registry had grown until forty to fifty different offices were required. The looseness with which some records were kept, the ravages of wars, fires, removals, and com-

mon neglect played havoc with many of these records, and although they were supposed to be kept in two places, many of them have been lost. There is a slim chance that some of them may be still found, but by the time the Works Projects Administration gets through with its projects all possible entries accidentally hidden in remote places should have been discovered.

For Mississippi only the records from 1850 to 1870 have so far come to light as being preserved. And even as far as they are concerned, a suspicion of incompleteness exists. Notwithstanding the great bibliographical importance of copyright entries, only two states have seen fit to reprint the entries in existence: Michigan and Virginia. Mississippi shares now, as a third, the honor of being conscious of the importance of these records, by giving them permanent form. As Martin E. Roberts, chief assistant librarian of the Library of Congress, has pointed out, these records contain a wealth of information fundamental to the bibliography of the United States. Of course this applies to a still more consequential extent to the individual states. While this is the place, it is probably not yet the time to analyze the Mississippi records from the various angles that become immediately self-evident. The simple reprinting of the records seems for the time being the most appropriate thing to do, leaving the proper analysis to a time when copies of each of the items have been located, which is, of course, much easier to do on the strength of a printed record than through circularizing individual libraries. It is feared that of many of the titles reprinted on the following pages, no copy will be found in the state of Mississippi. In fact, it is safe to state that many of the titles have been lost altogether, and that no copies will be found anywhere. However, it seems imperative that a serious effort should be made by Mississippi institutions, who take pride in the heritage of their state, to acquire titles whenever they seem to be available, for no proper knowledge of the state of Mississippi is possible without an all-inclusive assembly of the writers of the state.

The period covered includes, of course, all the entries now available of publications issued while Mississippi was a part of the Confederate States. No special investigations have as yet been made dealing with the attitudes of the Confederate government towards the copyright laws. It is sufficient here to state that the Richmond government continued protection and

procedure as practiced prior to secession. Before the War between the States, the record would read: "Southern District of Mississippi, district clerk's office," and the certification would be attested to as "In conformity with the act of Congress, etc." After secession we find: "Confederate States of America, Southern Division of the District of Mississippi," and the certification would state that the right was granted "In accordance with the act of Congress of the Confederate States of America, adopting the law of the United States of America, in regard to copyright, approved February 9, 1861." For the years from 1850 to 1863, W. H. Brown was the clerk, thus proving that secession did not bring a change in the clerkship of the district court. Apparently the entries between February 2, 1863 and July 16, 1866 are missing. The first entry of 1866, until the end, shows J. W. T. Swann to have been clerk of the court.

All the seventy-one entries have been copied verbatim, chronologically from photostatic reproductions of the reports. They have then, for greater usefulness, been arranged in alphabetical order. Photostatic reproductions of the records are now available at the Department of Archives and History in Jackson, for the inspection of those who are interested in further details.

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